

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

June 15, 1989

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-40-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PROVIDING NOTICE OF COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE IN AFDC,  
RCA, ECA, RDP, AND RESULTING DECREASE IN FOOD STAMPS

This is to inform you of the latest information we have about an AFDC cost-of-living (COLA) increase for fiscal year 89/90. A 4.61% COLA for AFDC recipients has been proposed in both the State Assembly and Senate budgets. The law requires that the budget proposed by the Legislature be in the Governor's Office by June 15, 1989. The only way to stop the full COLA, as mandated by Welfare and Institution Code Section 11453, is by amending that Section or by a separate statute requiring that Section be ineffective for a period of time. Attached is an AFDC Payment Standards table to be used in the event that a 4.61% COLA is in the budget signed by the Governor.

If a COLA is approved, we will telephone the Counties or send an ECM2 (electronic mail) message followed by an All County Letter which will include information about the COLA, instructions on how to handle the resulting decrease in Food Stamps, an AFDC Payment Standards table (if different than the attached table referenced above), and recipient informing notices with the new and old aid payment amounts. If a COLA is enacted with a July 1st effective date, but we lack definitive information about the amount when the July warrants are issued, you will have to make corrective payments.

Provided that there is a COLA, the forms used to transmit the information to recipients will be the same forms which were sent to you last year in ACL 88-58 (June 9, 1988). The TEMP NA 1 is the COLA change form. The TEMP NA 1A is the retroactive COLA change form. (Both the English and Spanish versions were attached to ACL 88-58.) If you need camera-ready copies in English and/or Spanish, you should contact the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) Forms Management Unit at (916) 322-8738 or ATSS 492-8738. For versions translated in Cambodian, Lao, Vietnamese, and Chinese, the Language Services Bureau should be contacted at (916) 323-9562 or ATSS 473-9562.

If you have AFDC program questions related to the COLA, please contact Judy Moore at (916) 324-2017 or ATSS 454-2017. If you have questions about the impact of the resultant decrease in Food Stamps, please contact Michiyo Laing at (916) 322-5330 or ATSS 492-5330.

  
for ROBERT A. HOREL  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

COLA: 4.61%

Estimates Branch,  
June 1989

A F D C P A Y M E N T S T A N D A R D S  
Effective July 1, 1989

ASSISTANCE UNIT SIZE	MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT	MESAC	185% OF MESAC	I N - K I N D			I N C O M E			80 % of MAP
				HOUSING	UTILITIES		FOOD	CLOTHING		
1	341	341	631	153	33		86	27	273	
2	560	560	1036	206	38		182	49	448	
3	694	694	1284	225	40		232	75	555	
4	824	824	1524	236	41		286	100	659	
5	940	940	1739	236	41		346	126	752	
6	1057	1057	1955	236	41		401	149	846	
7	1160	1160	2146	236	41		447	178	928	
8	1265	1265	2340	236	41		490	199	1012	
9	1366	1371	2536	236	41		537	227	1093	
10	1468	1489	2755	236	41		582	249	1174	
More than 10	1468	+14 for each additional person								

Reference 44-315.411 44-207.112 44-207.113 44-115.811 44-402.1  
44-211.531